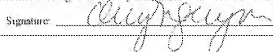


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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Non-final Office Action mailed February 27, 2007, for which a response was due on May 27, 2007. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to August 27, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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